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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:MARR, SHUM,PEPR, RP

SUBJECT: ROMULO CALL ON NEWSOM

1. SECRETARY ROMULO, SOLICITOR GENERAL MENDOZA AND AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM MAY 31. ROMULO ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED NEWSOM'S ASSESSMENT OF THE UN CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE NATO MINISTERS MEETING. ROMULO RECITED FAMILIAR THEME THAT IN LIGHT OF SOVIET EXPANSIONIST ATTITUDE US SHOULD VALUE ITS FRIENDS SUCH AS PHILIPPINES AND NOT ALLOW HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS TO OBSTRUCT FRIENDSHIP. NEWSOM REPEATED MESSAGE HE HAD CONVEYED DIRECTLY TO MARCOS THAT US DID NOT WISH TO IMPOSE PARTICULAR SYSTEM ON THE PHILIPPINES BUT HAS DEEP INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS ESPECIALLY INDIVIDUAL ABUSES. PHILIPPINE SECRETARY SAID HE APPRECIATED THIS CONCERN.
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2. ROMULO WAS OPTIMISTIC ON BASE DISCUSSIONS AND SAID THAT FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH SECSTATE HE HAD CABLED MARCOS WHO THEN ORDERED ESPINO TO BEGIN TALKS. IN ASIDE TO EA REPS, ROMULO SAID HE EXPECTED POSITIVE RESULTS FROM TALKS BECAUSE "THE PRESIDENT IS IN A GIVING MOOD" AND HE UNDERSTOOD THAT US MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES WERE ALSO PREPARED

TO TAKE A FLEXIBLE APPROACH. VANCE

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